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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1	SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to establish a
2	state-facilitated payroll-deduction retirement savings plan for
3	private sector employees in Hawaii who do not have access to
4	employer-sponsored retirement plans.
5	SECTION 2. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by
6	adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read
7	as follows:
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9	HAWAII RETIREMENT SAVINGS
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1 (2) Is eighteen years of age or older; 2 Is in the employ of a covered employer; and (3) 3 (4) Receives wages or other remunerations from a covered 4 employer for services rendered that is subject to 5 income tax as compensation paid in the State pursuant to section 235-34; 6 provided that "covered employee" does not include an individual 7 8 covered under the federal Railway Labor Act (45 United States 9 Code chapter 8) or on whose behalf the employer makes 10 contributions to a Taft-Hartley multiemployer pension trust 11 fund. 12 "Covered employer" means any person who has been in 13 business in the State for more than two years and has one or 14 more individuals in employment; provided that "covered employer" 15 does not include: 16 (1) The United States; The State or any of its political subdivisions; or 17 (2) A person that has been maintaining for all employees 18 (3) during the preceding two years a retirement plan that 19 is tax-gualified under or is described in and 20 satisfies the requirements of section 401(a), 401(k), 21

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1 403(a), 403(b), 408(k), or 408(p) of the Internal 2 Revenue Code. 3 "Department" means the department of budget and finance. "Director" means the director of finance. 4 5 "Individual Retirement Account" or "IRA" means a 6 traditional or Roth individual retirement account or individual 7 retirement annuity under section 408(a), 408(b), or 408A of the 8 Internal Revenue Code. 9 "Internal Revenue Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 10 1986, as amended (Title 26 of the United States Code). 11 "Participant" means an individual who is contributing to an 12 IRA under the program or has an IRA account balance under the 13 program. 14 "Person" means any individual, firm, association, 15 organization, sole proprietorship, partnership, company, 16 corporation, joint venture, trust, or any other form of 17 business, legal entity, or group of individuals. 18 "Program" means the Hawaii retirement savings program 19 established pursuant to this chapter.

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1 "Roth IRA" means a Roth individual retirement account or 2 individual retirement annuity under section 408A of the Internal 3 Revenue Code. 4 "Special fund" means the Hawaii retirement savings special 5 fund established in section -8. 6 "Total fees and expenses" means all fees, costs, and 7 expenses, including but not limited to administrative expenses, 8 investment expenses, investment advice expenses, accounting 9 costs, actuarial costs, legal costs, marketing expenses, 10 education expenses, trading costs, insurance annuitization 11 costs, and other miscellaneous costs. 12 "Traditional IRA" means a traditional individual retirement 13 account or traditional individual retirement annuity under 14 section 408(a) or (b) of the Internal Revenue Code. 15 "Wages" shall have the same meaning as defined in section 16 388-1. -3 Hawaii retirement savings board; establishment; 17 S 18 purpose. (a) There is established within the department for 19 administration purposes only, a Hawaii retirement savings board 20 to implement and administer a state-facilitated payroll-21 deduction retirement savings program for private-sector

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1	employees	who	do not have access to employer-sponsored
2	retirement	t pla	ans.
3	(b)	The	board shall consist of nine members as follows:
4	(1)	Two	ex-officio, voting members who shall serve as the
5		co-0	chairs of the board, consisting of:
6		(A)	The director or the director's designee; and
7		(B)	The director of labor and industrial relations or
8			the director's designee;
9	(2)	Two	ex-officio, nonvoting members, consisting of:
10		(A)	A member of the house of representatives
11			appointed by the speaker of the house of
12			representatives; and
13		(B)	A member of the senate appointed by the president
14			of the senate; and
15	(3)	Five	e voting members who shall hold no other public
16		off	ice, to be appointed by the governor and serve on
17		the	board in accordance with section 26-34, consisting
18		of:	
19		(A)	One member with professional knowledge and
20			experience in establishing retirement saving
21			plans and retirement investment products;

1	(B)	One member representing the interests of small
2		businesses in Hawaii;
3	(C)	One member with professional knowledge and
4		experience in representing the interests of
5		employers in terms of retirement savings;
6	(D)	One member with professional knowledge and
7		experience in representing the interests of
8		employees in terms of retirement savings; and
9	(E)	One member who is a retiree who resides in
10		Hawaii, representing retirees in Hawaii.
11	(c) The	terms of board members shall be four years;
12	provided that	the initial appointments shall be for staggered
13	terms, as dete	rmined by the governor; provided further that ex-
14	officio board	members shall serve at the pleasure of the
15	appointing aut	hority.
16	(d) A si	mple majority of voting members of the board shall
17	constitute quo	rum to do business. Any action taken by the board
18	shall be appro	ved by a simple majority of the voting members

20 authority of the remaining members to exercise all the powers of21 the board. All decisions of the board shall be reduced into

present. Any vacancy on the board shall not impair the

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writing and shall state separately its findings of fact and
 conclusions.

3 (e) The members of the board shall serve without pay but
4 shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses,
5 including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their
6 duties.

7 (f) The board, or its chairperson with the approval of the
8 board, may employ an executive director exempt from chapters 76
9 and 89, and other staff necessary to perform its duties.

10 § -4 Hawaii retirement savings board; powers; duties.
11 (a) The board shall have powers and duties in accordance with
12 law to:

Cause the program and arrangements and accounts

13 (1) Establish, implement, and maintain the program;

15 established under the program to be designed,

16 established, and operated:

(2)

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17 (A) In accordance with best practices for retirement18 savings vehicles;

19 (B) To encourage participation, saving, sound
20 investment practices, and appropriate selection
21 of default investments;

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1		(C)	To maximize simplicity and ease of administration
2			for employers;
3		(D)	To minimize costs, including by collective
4			investment and other measures to achieve
5			economies of scale and other efficiencies in
6			program design and administration;
7		(E)	To promote portability of benefits; and
8		(F)	To avoid preemption of the program by federal
9			law;
10	(3)	Arra	nge for collective, common, and pooled investment
11		of a	ssets of the program;
12	(4)	Deve	lop and disseminate information designed to
13		educ	ate participants and the public about the benefits
14		of p	lanning and saving for retirement and help them
15		deci	de the level of participation and savings
16		stra	tegies that may be appropriate;
17	(5)	Dete	rmine the eligibility of an employer, employee, or
18		othe	r individual to participate in the program;
19	(6)	Ensu	re the program's compliance with all applicable
20		laws	and regulations;

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1	(7)	Establish procedures for the timely and fair
2		resolution of participant and other disputes related
3		to accounts or program operation;
4	(8)	Develop and implement:
5		(A) An investment policy that defines the program's
6		investment objectives and that is consistent with
7		the objectives of the program; and
8		(B) Other policies and procedures consistent with
9		those investment objectives;
10	(9)	Cause expenses incurred to initiate, implement,
11		maintain, and administer the program to be paid from
12		the program and other available sources;
13	(10)	Collect application, account, or administrative fees;
14	(11)	Accept grants, gifts, donations, legislative
15		appropriations, loans, and other moneys from the
16		State, any unit of federal, state, or local
17		government, or any other person to defray the costs of
18		administering and operating the program;
19	(12)	Enter into contracts pursuant to chapter 103D for
20		services that the board deems necessary to carry out
21		the purposes of this chapter, including:



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1		(A)	Services of private and public financial
2			institutions, depositories, consultants,
3			actuaries, counsel, auditors, investment
4			advisers, investment administrators, investment
5			management firms, other investment firms, third-
6			party administrators, other professionals and
7			service providers, and the State's employees'
8			retirement system;
9		(B)	Research, technical, financial, administrative,
10			and other services; and
11		(C)	Services of other state agencies to assist the
12			board in the exercise of its powers and duties;
13	(13)	Devel	lop and implement an outreach plan to gain input
14		and c	lisseminate information regarding the program and
15		retin	rement savings in general;
16	(14)	Cause	e moneys to be held and invested and reinvested
17		under	the program;
18	(15)	Ensu	re that all contributions to individual retirement
19		accou	ints under the program may be used only to:
20		(A)	Pay benefits to participants under the program;
21		(B)	Pay the cost of administering the program; and



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1		(C) Make investments for the benefit of the program;
2		provided that no assets of the program are
3		transferred to the general fund of the State or
4		to any other fund of the State or are otherwise
5		encumbered or used for any purpose other than
6		those specified in this paragraph;
7	(16)	Provide for the payment of costs of administration and
8		operation of the program;
9	(17)	Evaluate the need for and, if the board deems
10		necessary, procure:
11		(A) Insurance against any and all loss in connection
12		with the property, assets, or activities of the
13		program; and
14		(B) Pooled private insurance;
15	(18)	Indemnify, including procurement of insurance if and
16		as needed for this purpose, each board member from
17		personal loss or liability resulting from the member's
18		action or inaction as a board member;
19	(19)	Collaborate with and evaluate the role of financial
20		advisors or other financial professionals, including

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1		in assisting and providing guidance for covered
2		employees; and
3	(20)	Take any other action the board deems reasonably
4		necessary to carry out the purpose of this chapter.
5	(b)	Board members, the executive director, and other staff
6	of the bo	ard shall not:
7	(1)	Have any interest, directly or indirectly, in the
8		making of any investment under the program or in gains
9		or profits accruing from any investment;
10	(2)	Borrow any program-related funds or deposits, or use
11		any program-related funds or deposits in any manner,
12		for themselves or as an agent or partner of others; or
13	(3)	Become an endorser, surety, or obligor on investments
14		made under the program.
15	S	-5 Hawaii retirement savings program; establishment;
16	payroll d	eduction; automatic enrollment with opt out options.
17	(a) Ther	e is established within the department for
18	administr	ative purposes only, a Hawaii retirement savings
19	program.	The program shall be administered by the board, in
20	consultat	ion with the department and the department of labor and
21	industria	l relations.

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 of the employee's salary or wages to an individual retirement account provided by the program through payroll deduction. (c) Beginning July 1, 2024, a covered employer shall: (1) Automatically enroll a covered employee into the program and provide the covered employee with a written notice of the employee's right to opt out; and (2) Provided that the covered employee has not opted out of the program: (A) Withhold the covered employee's contribution amount from the employee's salary or wages; and (B) Transmit the covered employee's payroll deduction contribution to the program on the earliest date the amount withheld can reasonably be segregated from the covered employer's assets, but no later than the fifteenth day of the calendar month following the month in which the covered
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18 employee's contribution amounts are withheld.
19 (d) The program shall establish for each enrolled employee
20 a Roth IRA, into which the contributions deducted from an
21 employee's payroll shall be deposited. The board may add an

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1 option for all participants to affirmatively elect to contribute 2 to a traditional IRA in addition to a Roth IRA. (e) The contributions to and earnings on the amounts 3 contributed to an employee's IRA under the program is owned by 4 the employee. The State and employers shall have no proprietary 5 6 interest in the contributions or earnings in an employee's IRA. 7 (f) Covered employers shall not make contributions, 8 whether matching or not, to the program. 9 S -6 Hawaii retirement savings program; contribution amount; rates. (a) The default contribution amount deducted 10 11 from the payroll of a covered employee who has not opted out of the program shall be equal to five per cent of the covered 12 13 employee's salary or wages; provided that an employee may elect 14 to contribute a higher or lower percentage of compensation as 15 long as the amount does not exceed the applicable contribution 16 dollar limits under the Internal Revenue Code. (b) The board may elect to increase the program's 17 18 contribution rates on an annual basis; provided that the 19 increase shall not exceed one per cent each year and the 20 resulting contribution rate shall not exceed eight per cent. 21 The board shall determine whether the increase applies to all

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participants by default or only upon affirmative election by
 participants; provided that, in either case, the contribution
 amount for a participant shall not exceed the applicable
 contribution dollar limits under the Internal Revenue Code.

5 S -7 Hawaii retirement savings program; program manager. 6 (a) The program shall be managed by a program manager that 7 shall be a financial institution with professional knowledge and 8 experience in managing automatic enrollment payroll deduction 9 IRAS, contracted by the board in compliance with chapter 103D.

10 (b) The program manager shall keep total fees and expenses 11 as low as practicable; provided that the total fees and expenses 12 of the program each year shall not exceed seventy-five basis 13 points of the total assets of the program; provided further that 14 this limit shall not apply during the initial three-year period 15 following the establishment of the program.

16 (c) The program manager shall prepare and make available 17 to all participants, a report on the status of each 18 participant's account at least once every calendar year.

19 § -8 Hawaii retirement savings special fund. (a) There
20 is established within the state treasury, a Hawaii retirement
21 savings special fund, into which shall be deposited:

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1	(1)	Moneys appropriated to the fund by the legislature;
2	(2)	Moneys transferred to the fund from the federal
3		government, other states, and their political
4		subdivisions;
5	(3)	Fees collected by the board in relation to the
6		administration and operation of the program;
7	(4)	Grants, gifts, and donations made to the board for
8		deposit into the fund;
9	(5)	Moneys collected for the fund from:
10		(A) Contributions to, or investment returns or assets
11		of, the program; or
12		(B) Other moneys collected by or for the program or
13		pursuant to arrangements established under the
14		program,
15		to the extent permitted under federal and state law;
16	(6)	Interest earned or accrued on moneys deposited in the
17		fund; and
18	(7)	Penalties collected pursuant to section -14.
19	(b)	All moneys in the special fund are appropriated for
20	the purpo	ses of and shall be expended by the department to pay
21	the admin	istrative costs and expenses of the program, program

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1	manager,	and the administrative costs and expenses that the
2	board inc	urs in the performance of its duties under this
3	chapter.	
4	S	-9 Protection from liability; employers. (a) A
5	covered e	mployer or other employer is not and shall not be
6	liable fo	r or bear responsibility for:
7	(1)	An employee's decision to participate in or opt out of
8		the program;
9	(2)	Investment decisions made by the participants and the
10		board;
11	(3)	The administration, investment, investment returns, or
12		investment performance of the program, including any
13		interest rate or other rate of return earned on any
14		contribution or account balance; provided that the
15		employer played no role in the investment;
16	(4)	The program design or the benefits paid to
17		participants;
18	(5)	Individuals' awareness of or compliance with the
19		conditions and other provisions of the tax laws that
20		determine:

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1	(A) Which individuals are eligible to make tax-
2	favored contributions to IRAs;
3	(B) The permissible amount of contributions; and
4	(C) The time frame and manner within which
5	contributions are to be made;
6	(6) Any loss, failure to realize any gain, or any other
7	adverse consequences, including any adverse tax
8	consequences or loss of favorable tax treatment,
9	public assistance, or other benefits, incurred by any
10	person as a result of program participation; or
11	(7) Any loss, deficiency, or damages caused by or related
12	to the action or inaction of the program manager.
13	(b) No covered employer or other employer shall be, or
14	shall be considered to be, a fiduciary in relation to the
15	program or any other arrangement under the program.
16	§ -10 Protection from liability; State. (a) The State,
17	department of budget and finance, Hawaii retirement savings
18	board, Hawaii retirement savings program, and other departments,
19	agencies, boards, commissions, and programs of the State and any
20	officers or employees thereof:

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(b) The debts, contracts, and obligations of the program
 or the board are not the debts, contracts, and obligations of
 the State, and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power
 of the State is pledged directly or indirectly to the payment of
 the debts, contracts, and obligations of the program or the
 board.

7 S -11 Confidentiality of participant and account 8 information. Individual account information relating to 9 accounts under the program and relating to individual 10 participants, including but not limited to names, addresses, 11 telephone numbers, email addresses, personal identification 12 information, investments, contributions, and earnings, is 13 confidential and shall be maintained as confidential:

14 (1) Except to the extent necessary to administer the
15 program in a manner consistent with this chapter, the
16 tax laws of the State, and the Internal Revenue Code;
17 or

18 (2) Unless the individual who provides the information or
19 is the subject of the information expressly agrees in
20 writing to the disclosure of the information.

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1 S -12 Collaboration and cooperation; intergovernmental; 2 interstate. (a) The board may enter into an intergovernmental 3 agreement or memorandum of understanding with the State or any 4 agency of the State to receive outreach, technical assistance, 5 enforcement and compliance services, or collection or 6 dissemination of information pertinent to the program, subject 7 to a confidentiality agreement deemed appropriate by the board 8 and other agencies of the State.

9 (b) The State and any department, board, commission, or 10 agency that enter into an agreement or memorandum of 11 understanding pursuant to this section shall collaborate to 12 provide the outreach, assistance, information, and compliance or 13 other services or assistance to the board. Memoranda of 14 understanding executed pursuant to this section may cover the 15 sharing of costs incurred in gathering and disseminating 16 information and the reimbursement of costs for any enforcement 17 activities or assistance.

(c) The board may enter into a contract, agreement,
memorandum of understanding, or other arrangement to
collaborate, cooperate, coordinate, contract, or combine
resources, investments, or administrative functions with other

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1 governmental entities, including other states or any of their 2 agencies or instrumentalities that maintain or are establishing 3 retirement savings programs compatible with the program, 4 including collective, common, or pooled investments with other 5 funds of other states' programs with which the assets of the 6 program and trust are permitted by law to be collectively 7 invested, to the extent necessary or desirable for the effective and efficient design, administration, and implementation of the 8 9 program consistent with the purposes set forth in this chapter, 10 including the purpose of achieving economies of scale and other 11 efficiencies designed to minimize costs for the program and its 12 participants.

13 S -13 Civil actions. The director and any covered 14 employee denied automatic enrollment into the program in 15 violation of section -5(c)(1) may file a civil action against 16 the covered employer to require the covered employer to enroll 17 the covered employee into the program and recover costs, 18 including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred in the civil 19 action.

20 § -14 Penalties. (a) Any covered employer who fails to
21 enroll a covered employee into the program in accordance with



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1 section -5(c)(1) without equitable justification shall be
2 liable:

To the covered employee, in an amount equal to the 3 (1) 4 contribution amount that would have been made by the 5 employee into the program and interest at a rate of 6 six per cent per year on the contribution amount, 7 beginning from the date the contribution would have 8 been made into the account; provided that the sum of 9 the contribution amount and interest thereto shall be 10 transmitted by the covered employer to the program to 11 be paid into the covered employee's IRA; and

- 12 (2) A penalty of:
- 13 (A) \$25 for each month the covered employee was not
 14 enrolled in the program; and
- (B) \$50 for each month the covered employee continues
 to be unenrolled in the program after the date on
 which a penalty has been assessed with respect to
 the covered employee; provided that the employee
 has not opted out of participation in the
 program.

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(b) Any covered employer who fails to timely transmit a
 covered employee's payroll deduction contribution to the program
 pursuant to section -5(c)(2) shall be subject to the same
 sanctions imposed on an employer for misappropriation of
 employee wage withholdings and the penalties pursuant to chapter
 388.

7 (c) No penalty under subsections (a)(2) and (b) shall be
8 imposed on a covered employer if the covered employer can
9 establish by a preponderance of the evidence that the covered
10 employer:

11 (1) Exercised reasonable diligence to meet the

12 requirements of section -5(c);

13 (2) Did not know or reasonably should not have known that14 the failure existed; and

15 (3) Cures the failure within ninety days of the day the
16 covered employer was given actual notice of the
17 failure or should have known that the failure existed,
18 whichever is earlier.

19 (d) Any covered employer who otherwise violates or fails
20 to comply with any provision of this chapter or rules adopted
21 pursuant to this chapter shall be liable for a penalty of not

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1 less than \$500 for each violation or failure; provided that the 2 penalties shall not exceed \$5,000 per calendar year. 3 (e) All or part of the penalties imposed under subsections 4 (a)(2) and (b) may be waived to the extent that the payment of 5 the penalties would be excessive or otherwise inequitable 6 relative to the violation or failure involved; provided that the 7 covered employer can establish, by a preponderance of the 8 evidence, the existence of equitable justification for the 9 violation or failure. 10 The penalties under this section shall be deposited (f) 11 into the Hawaii retirement savings special fund.

12 § -15 Rulemaking. (a) The department, in consultation 13 with the department of labor and industrial relations, shall 14 adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to govern the actions of the 15 board.

(b) The board, in consultation with the department and department of labor and industrial relations, shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to carry out the purposes of this chapter. The rules adopted by the board shall include but not be limited to rules and procedures governing:

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1	(1)	Enrollment and contributions to an IRA under the
2		program, including withholding by covered employers of
3		employee payroll rights of covered employees and
4		obligations of covered employers;
5	(2)	Withdrawals, rollovers, and direct transfers from an
6		IRA under the program in the interest of facilitating
7		portability and maximization of benefits;
8	(3)	Phasing in the enrollment of eligible covered
9		employees by the size or type of covered employer,
10		beginning with the initial applicability date
11		specified in this Act;
12	(4)	Outreach to individuals, employers, other
13		stakeholders, and the public regarding the program;
14	(5)	Actions of the program manager;
15	(6)	Distribution of funds from the program;
16	(7)	Portability of benefits, including the ability to make
17		tax-free rollovers or transfers from IRAs under the
18		program to other IRAs or to tax-qualified plans that
19		accept rollovers; and
20	(8)	Prescribed forms to be used by covered employers and
21		covered employees.



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1 -16 Audits and annual reports. (a) The board shall S 2 cause an accurate account of all activities, operations, 3 receipts, and expenditures to be maintained in relation to the 4 program and the board. Each year, a full audit of the books and 5 accounts of the board pertaining to the activities, operations, receipts and expenditures, personnel, services, or facilities of 6 7 the program and the board shall be conducted by a certified 8 public accountant. The audit shall include but not be limited 9 to the review of direct and indirect costs attributable to the 10 use of outside consultants, independent contractors, and any 11 other persons who are not state employees for the administration 12 of the program. For the purposes of the audit, the auditors 13 shall have access to the properties and records of the program 14 and board and may prescribe methods of accounting and the 15 rendering of periodic reports in relation to projects undertaken 16 by the program.

17 (b) No later than twenty days before the convening of each 18 regular session, the board shall prepare and submit to the 19 governor and the legislature, and make available to the public, 20 an annual report that shall include but not be limited to:

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1	(1)	The audited financial report prepared in accordance
2		with generally accepted accounting principles,
3		detailing the activities, operations, receipts, and
4		expenditures of the program and board during the
5		preceding calendar year; and
6	(2)	The progress and accomplishments made by the board
7		during the preceding year and projected activities of
8		the program for the current calendar year;
9	provided	that the annual report for fiscal year 2025-2026 shall
10	include t	he board's findings and recommendations, including any
11	proposed	legislation, relating to the feasibility of expanding
12	the progr	am's eligibility to Hawaii's independent workforce,
13	including	self-employed workers."
14	SECT	ION 3. The governor, president of the senate, and
15	speaker o	f the house of representatives shall appoint members to
16	the Hawai	i retirement savings board no later than sixty days
17	after ena	ctment of this Act, for terms of office beginning in
18	October 2	022.
19	SECT	ION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
20	revenues	of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
21	thereof a	s may be necessary for fiscal year 2022-2023 for the

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1 implementation and operation of the Hawaii retirement savings 2 program, including funds for the hiring of necessary staff. 3 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of 4 budget and finance for the purposes of this Act. 5 SECTION 5. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held 6 7 invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or 8 applications of the Act that can be given effect without the 9 invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions 10 of this Act are severable.

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SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.





Report Title:

Hawaii Retirement Savings Program; State-Facilitated Payroll-Deduction Automatic Enrollment Individual Retirement Account; BUF; DLIR; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the Hawaii Retirement Savings Program, administered by the Hawaii Retirement Savings Board, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Finance and Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, to provide a state-facilitated payrolldeduction automatic enrollment individual retirement plan to private sector employees who do not have access to employersponsored retirement savings plans beginning 7/1/2024. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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